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E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ENRG, LY

SUBJ: POSSIBLE CONSUMER COOPERATION ON ENERGY

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1. LARG WOULD LIKELY REACT SHARPLY AND NEGATIVELY AGAINST FORMATION OF CONSUMER BLOCK TO HANDLE NEGOTIATIONS WITH OPEC ON ENERGY PROBLEMS. LARG SEES ITSELF AND OTHER OIL PRODUCERS, ESPECIALLY ARABS, AS PAST " VICTIMS OF INSIDIOUS NET OF COLLUSION AND EXPLOITATION WOVEN BY WESTERN OIL COMPANIES-- AND, SOMEWHAT SEPARATELY, THEIR GOVERNMENTS"-- OUT OF WHICH LARG AND ITS OPEC PARTNERS ARE ONLY NOW BEGINNING TO EMERGE. TO LIBYANS, WHATEVER DEMANDS NOW MADE ON OIL COMPANIES BY OPEC OR LARG ITSELF ARE JUSTIFIED NOT ONLY IN TERMS OF CURRENT ECONOMICS BUT AS PARTIAL COMPENSATION FOR PAST INJUSTICES. FACED WITH BLOC OF CONSUMER NATIONS, LARG WOULD SEE ITS DARKEST SUSPICIONS CONFIRMED AND CONCLUDE GROUPING WAS DESIGNED PRIMARILY FOR NEW ROUND OF INTIMIDATIONS, NOT FOR FACILITATING RATIONAL DIALOG.

2. FOREGOING IS NOT TO SAY FORMATION OF CONSUMER BLOC
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SHOULD BE DELAYED OR INHIBITED BY LARG SENSITIVITIES
WHICH WILL NOT BE CALMED BY ANTHING SHORT OF TOTAL
CAPITULATION. ON PURELY PRACTICAL LEVEL, HOWEVER, AND
DUE TO CURRENT PROBLEMS IN US- LIBYAN BILATERAL RELATIONS,
WE WOULD HOPE THAT US INVOLVEMENT

IN CONSUMER BLOC,
WHILE EFFECTIVE, WOULD GIVE APPEARANCE OF AT LEAST SOME
SEPARATION BETWEEN INTERESTS OF OIL COMPANIES AND
INTERESTS OF USG. THEY ARE IN FACT SEPARABLE AND
DISTINCT.

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